

**39TH LEGISLATURE
1ST REGULAR SESSION**

**S.R. NO. 39-11
IN THE SENATE**

03 FEBRUARY 2025

INTRODUCED BY: Sen. Tualo Manaia E. Fruean, D-6

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON:

SUBJECT:

COMMENDATION- COLLEGE FOOTBALL COACH KURT TAUFASAU

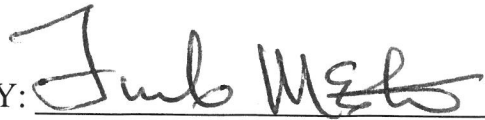
SUMMARY:

This Senate concurrent resolution commends Kurt Taufasau for his outstanding achievement in coaching college football at New Mexico Highland University.

OWN VOTE			LEGISLATIVE VOTE		
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4 “A SENATE RESOLUTION COMMENDING KURT TAUFASAASAU FOR HIS
5 OUSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN FOOTBALL RESULTING IN BEING
6 NAMED THE HEAD FOOTBALL COACH FOR NEW MEXICO HIGHLAND
7 UNIVERSITY IN NEW MEXICO.”

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9 WHEREAS, Kurt Tafaasau, son of Tui and Vince Tafaasau, from the villages of
10 Pago Pago and Manu’a, is a 2008 graduate of Samoana High School.
11 It is where he realized his love for the sport of football; and
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13 WHEREAS, Kurt started his collegiate football career at New Mexico Military
14 Institute (“NMMI”), earning his first-team All-Western States
15 Football League honors as a Defensive Lineman in 2009. He then
16 played at the University of Wyoming in 2011 and 2012. After
17 earning his Sociology Degree, he spent time playing with the
18 Oakland Raiders, Tennessee Titans, and Indianapolis Colts; and
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20 WHEREAS, Kurt began his football coaching career at Westlake High School, in
21 Saratoga Spring, Utah in 2015. He returned to NMMI in 2016 to fill
22 the same position. In 2019 he was promoted to Assistant Head
23 Coach; and
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25 WHEREAS, Kurt has made remarkable contributions to college football,
26 showcasing his exceptional leadership and coaching prowess. His
27 tenure at New Mexico Military Institute (“NMMI”) is noteworthy.
28 He led the team to an NJCAA Division I National Championship in
29 2021 and a Southwest Junior College Football Conference

1 (“SWJCFC”) Championship the same year. His overall record at
2 NMMI stands at an impressive 27-10, including a remarkable 12-1
3 season in 2021. As the head coach at New Mexico Highlands
4 University, he has continued to build on his impressive track record;
5 and our local athletes and will leave a lasting impression on a bright
6 future ahead; and

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8 WHEREAS, Kurt’s journey is a testament to perseverance and hard work. From
9 his humble beginnings in Pago Pago, American Samoa, he has risen
10 to prominence in the world of college football. His background
11 instilled a strong work ethic and a deep sense of community, which
12 have been driving forces throughout his career. Kurt’s Samoan
13 upbringing taught him the values of respect, family, and resilience,
14 which have profoundly influenced his approach to coaching and
15 leadership. These cultural values have helped him build strong,
16 authentic relationships with his players and staff, fostering a sense of
17 unity and dedication within his teams; and

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19 WHEREAS, Kurt’s ability to recruit and develop talent, combined with his
20 authentic relationships with players, has earned him widespread
21 respect and admiration in the football community. His leadership has
22 brought championships and instilled a culture of excellence and
23 perseverance in his teams; and

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25 WHEREAS, Kurt’s accomplishments are a shining example of what can be
26 achieved with hard work, commitment, and a genuine love for the
27 game. His impact on college football will be felt for years to come,
28 inspiring future generations of players and coaches; and

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1 WHEREAS, Kurt is married to Shanice and they have 2 sons, King and Zion and
2 a daughter Larei.

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4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
5 TERRITORY OF AMERICAN SAMOA:

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7 THAT, Kurt Taufasau is hereby commended for his exceptional
8 accomplishments, dedication, and contributions to the sport of college football;
9 and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, that the President of Senate, the
12 Honorable Tuaolo M. Fruean, or his authorized representative, is respectfully
13 requested to present this Senate to Mr. Kurt Taufasau as a token of our esteem
14 and with sincere appreciation for his outstanding efforts and achievements.

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